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GROTON FARMER DIES SUDDENLY

Charles Pharis, well-to-do farmer, living ten miles north of Groton on the old Abraham farm, dropped dead in the Corner Store at Groton, Wednesday about noon from the effects of failure of the heart. He had been presumably, in good health up to the time of his death, which came totally unexpected to his family and a large circle of friends in this end of the county.

Mr. Pharis was born in Illinois on July 8, 1873, and would have been 65 years of age this coming July. He came to South Dakota in 1906 and settled upon the old Goddard farm, a mile north of Wm. Hosley's home, and lived there for some time. He has been a resident of the east part of the county since coming to this state.

Survivors are his wife and seven children—five girls and two boys. The daughters are Mrs. Joe Grace, of Touttsdale, Ore.; Mrs. Robert Simmons of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Fred Peterson of Santa Cruz, Cali.; Mrs. Ed. Olson of Groton, and Miss Mae Pharis of Watertown. The sons are Harry of Putney and George of Groton.